

# Welcome to Year 1

The children have made a positive start to Year 1 and have settled in well within their 'bubble'. We are learning new routines to help us stay healthy and safe and at the same time will be making strides in our learning. We hope the following information will help you understand what happens in Year 1 and how to support your child.

## Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 1 are:

Elephants: Mrs Ship

Penguins: Mrs Beal and Mrs Austin

Mrs Musgrave (hearing impaired)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Kitcher, Mrs Lewis,  
Mrs Iason, Mrs Oliver

## Topics in Year 1:

Autumn 1: - Barnaby Bear

Autumn 2: Fairy tales

Spring 1: Toys old and new

Spring 2: Houses and homes (then and now)

Summer 1: Titanic

Summer 2: Animals in hot and cold places

For further detail please visit our planning overview on our school website.

## The start and end of the day

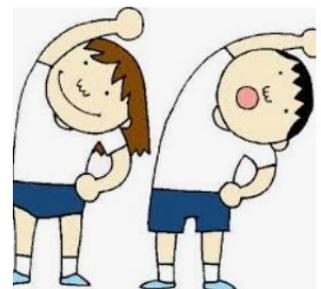
Doors open at 8.55am and children can enter their class straight away. Registers are taken at 9:00am. Every child in Year 1 is entitled to a **free** school meal. The choices are either a delicious hot lunch or a tasty jacket potato. School finishes at 3.10pm when you will be expected to collect your child.



## PE/Outdoor Games

Our PE day are **Thursday**. In order to keep your child safe and healthy we won't be changing clothing at school so please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. They will require a pair of dark shorts, a plain white T-shirt, trainers or plimsolls. On top of this they should wear warm clothing as appropriate - plain dark tracksuit bottoms and plain dark sweatshirts/jumpers.

All earrings must be removed or taped over (using micro-pore tape) for PE sessions. **If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure this is done at home.**



## Reading Books

Each child will be bringing home a reading book once a week but to keep within the safe regulations, books will ONLY be changed on a Friday and returned to school on the next Friday. Books that are returned will be placed in a separate box and cleaned before children can take them home again. If your child finishes reading their book, please re-read and discuss further (eg characters, making predictions, discussing other books that may be similar) as books will ONLY be changed on a Friday. Please ensure all books are returned to school on a Friday so that they can be changed.



## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day

3600 minutes in a school year

900 minutes in a school year

180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

50<sup>th</sup> percentile

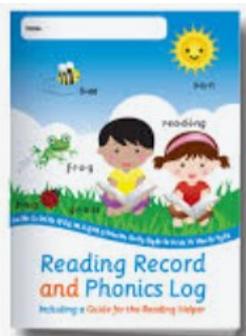
10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

## Reading Records

Every child will be given a Reading Record and Phonics Log Book. This will be used to record reading completed at home. Please write in this when you read with your child and ensure it is returned every Friday alongside their reading book. There are ideas in the centre of the book to assist you with your child's reading. There is also a phonics guide and lists of all the words your child will need to be able to read as well as spell by the end of Year 1. These diaries should be looked after and last the whole academic year. Any child who loses their diary will be charged for a replacement at a cost of £2 each.



## School labels:

A number of children have come in with items not labelled with their names. Please can you ensure that all water bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers, cardigans and coats are clearly labelled.



Thank you for your continued support during this tricky time.

Please ensure there is only one parent dropping off your child daily as well as collecting them at 3.10pm.



Remember to socially distance within the school grounds.

## Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, a member of staff is always available on the Year 1 door at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively you can send in a note for us to read.

